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SUBJ: CIVAIR - PANAM COMMISSION PROBLEM

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1. EMBOFF BRIEFED FCO OFFICIALS MAY 12 ON PANAM COMMISSION PROBLEM. HAD PREVIOUSLY SENT FCO COPY OF PANAM LETTER OF MAY 8 UNDER COVER OF EMBASSY LETTER CONFIRMING THAT AIRLINE'S REMARKS CONCERNING USG POSITION WERE ACCURATE AND STATING THAT UK SHOULD CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE ANY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST PANAM. FCO HAD ALSO RECEIVED REPORT OF REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY DEPARTMENT (STYLES) TO UK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. FCO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN INVOLVED IN CONTROVERSY BUT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND INDICATED THEY WOULD FOLLOW SITUATION CLOSELY.

2. KEMMIS, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, CALLED EMBOFF PM MAY 13 TO SAY THAT IF LAWYERS FROM FCO AND DOT COULD AGREE ON A TEXT, DOT WOULD SHORTLY BE SENDING PANAM A REPLY TO CARRIER'S LETTER OF MAY 8. ACCORDING TO KEMMIS, DOT LETTER WILL (A) REJECT CARRIER'S ARGUMENT THAT UKG LACKS AUTHORITY TO ORDER COMMISSION LEVELS OUTSIDE UK; (B) EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ASSURANCES PANAM HAS OFFERED BUT INDICATE THESE ARE INSUFFICIENT; AND (C) GIVE AIRLINE UNTIL MAY 19 TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY ASSURANCES. IF AIRLINE FAILS SATISFY LATTER CONDITION, TRADE SECRETARY WILL BE ASKED

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TO CONSIDER REVOKATION OF AIRLINE'S PERMITS. WE TOLD

KEMMIS WE WOULD REGARD LETTER AS STEP CLOSER TO CONFRONTATION BUT HE WOULD NOT BE DISSUADED.

3. WE SHOULD HAVE REPORTED IN REFTEL THAT ROGERS ASKED USG TO CONSIDER ISSUANCE OF ORDER SIMILAR TO ONE USED IN 1958 CASE TO REQUIRE PANAM TO PAY NO MORE THAN 7.5 PERCENT COMMISSION LEVEL. ROGERS SUGGESTED THAT SUCH AN ORDER MIGHT BE USED AS TEMPORARY SOLUTION UNTIL PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATION. WE TOLD ROGERS WE WOULD REFER HIS SUGGESTION BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO PROPOSAL SOONEST.

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